



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

2/16/78
AR176August 16, 1978
Argentina

Mr. Jacobo Kovadloff, Director
South American Affairs
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Kovadloff:

Thank you for your recent letters about Dr. Maximo Eduardo Jaroslavsky, Mauricio Fabian Weinstein, Mario Zareceansky, Silvia Montserrat, and Blanca Haydee Altmann.

Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has expressed its concern about all of these cases to the Government of Argentina and has made formal inquiries to the Argentine Foreign Office Working Group on Human Rights. The Embassy has raised the case of Dr. Jaroslavsky on several occasions. The Foreign Office has notified them that they have no record of his whereabouts. The Embassy is continuing to monitor this case and is in contact with members of Dr. Jaroslavsky's family. In the case of Blanca Haydee Altmann, whose situation we raised recently with the Argentines, the Foreign Office has informed us that they have no knowledge of her whereabouts. We have not yet received a response about Mauricio Fabian Weinstein, whose name was just submitted. The Embassy will continue to monitor all these cases.

As for Mario Zareceansky and his wife, Silvia Montserrat, who have been detained since July 1977 in Cordoba, we are continuing to press the Argentines for a speedy resolution of their cases.

As you are aware, we have been deeply concerned about the large number of disappearances, detentions, and other human rights abuses in Argentina, and repeatedly have expressed these concerns to the Argentine Government at the highest levels.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s): _____

Declassify: ☐ In Part ☐ In Full☐ Classify as _____ ☐ Extend as _____ ☐ Downgrade to _____

Date _____ Declassify on _____ Reason _____


Lot 81D208

Box4963(2/12)

We have also taken a number of actions to convey to the Argentines how strongly committed we are to human rights -- grant military training for Argentina has been withdrawn, arms sales have been held back, and we have linked our vote in the International Financial Institutions to the Argentine record on human rights. We have clearly indicated that an improvement in human rights practices is essential to a continuation of good bilateral relations. Approval of any new assistance programs will depend on substantial human rights improvements. Indeed, the Congress has legislated, as part of the Foreign Assistance Act, that, beginning October 1, there will be no new arms transfers to Argentina without major human rights improvements.

I look forward to seeing you again soon and apologize again for having to break our appointment.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta Cohen".

Roberta Cohen
Human Rights Officer